

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 730

By Bunch

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Blue Springs Baptist Church on the occasion of its 150th anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those venerable religious institutions and their congregations who, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, enrich the lives of people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Blue Springs Baptist Church in Bradley County, Tennessee, comprise one such congregation and they are celebrating the church's 150 years of service to the Lord and its community this year; and

WHEREAS, one of the seven original Baptist churches in that area, Blue Springs Baptist Church was officially founded in 1859 and is deeply rooted in the history of Cleveland and of Bradley County; and

WHEREAS, the congregation has been led by a number of dedicated and concerned pastors over the past 150 years and currently enjoys the devout leadership of Pastor Richard Snyder, who is in his seventeenth year of service to the church; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2009, Pastor Snyder and the congregation of Blue Springs Baptist Church will mark this historic anniversary with a special celebration, showcasing the recently completed renovations to their facilities; and

WHEREAS, since 1859, Blue Springs Baptist Church has stood on the rock-solid foundation of Christian belief, service, and love, serving as a bastion of faith and outreach to the people of Bradley County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Blue Springs Baptist Church on the occasion of its 150th anniversary and offer our sincerest wishes for its continued existence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.